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## IDEAS.

It seems queer that doctors should choose to go to health resorts when they take a vacation.

People who are always right may be the most admirable, but they are very uncomfortable people to live with.

The woman who refrains from saying "I told you so" has wonderful self control.

## TAKE NOTICE.

See our announcement this week on page 3 of the World's Fair contest in which we give our subscribers an opportunity to take part. Remember we give you full credit on your subscription account for every cent you send in. The estimates are absolutely free, and secure for you any prize which your estimates entitle you to claim. A special prize of \$500 is given for the closest estimate made before March 15, but this does not lessen your chance to secure the \$5,000 prize. Send money and guesses to day. Use blank on page 3.

## FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

A Russian torpedo boat destroyer stopped a British ship.

Twelve thousand Argentine railroad men are on strike for more money.

The arbitration treaty between Spain and Great Britain has been signed.

A treaty of arbitration between France and Spain was signed in Paris on Friday.

More serious disorders are reported in Southwest Africa, one report saying that the natives are gradually driving the Germans into the sea.

A skirmish is reported to have taken place between a Russian cavalry detachment and the Japanese infantry encamped near Ping Yang, Korea, both sides claiming to have gained a victory. The situation was quiet at Port Arthur on Monday.

LATER—A dispatch from Yiu Kow says that fifteen Japanese warships bombarded Port Arthur from 10 till 12 o'clock Monday morning, the Russian cruisers Novik and Askold and a torpedo boat being badly damaged. It is also claimed that the battleship Retvizan was again damaged.

## IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

M. Bunau-Varilla, Minister from Panama to the United States, has tendered his resignation.

Mrs. George W. Cable, wife of the well-known Southern novelist, is dead, after a surgical operation.

Fire destroyed the State Capitol building at Madison, Wis., causing a loss estimated at \$800,000.

The postoffice robbers were convicted Friday evening at Washington City after a forty-seven days' trial.

The exhibit shipments for the St. Louis World's Fair are largely in excess of those at the Chicago Exposition at a similar period before the opening.

The world's record with 13-inch guns has been broken by the gunners of the battleship Wisconsin, who made nine bull's-eyes out of ten shots fired inside of ten minutes.

There is a National Convention of Builders of the United States and Canada now in session in "the Halls of the Ancients" at Washington City. Of all building materials brick and iron stand a confagration best.

The Senate has ratified the canal treaty and the President has signed it; but the Colombian government has sued the French canal company and while that suit is pending it will be impossible for this government to obtain a clear title to the property.

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

Danville, Ky., wants a Federal building.

The fire in the Monarch coal mine at Madisonville is said to be spreading.

Depositions were taken Monday in the Hunter-Edwards congressional contest.

Senator Blackburn arrived in Frankfort Monday night to look after his interests for re-election.

The bill appropriating \$75,000 for extensions at the Hopkinsville Insane Asylum was passed by the Senate without opposition.

A. C. Marklein and a companion named McCarty killed a mountain lion that attacked them in Magoffin county. Marklein was so badly mangled by the beast that he will die. McCarty was also seriously wounded.

## ONE REASON WHY WE NEED GOOD ROADS.



—New York News.

## THE ANNUAL DEBATE.

After music by the band and prayer by President Frost, the chairman of the evening, Mr. T. J. Osborne, announced to a crowded audience in the Tabernacle the question for debate—RESOLVED, That free trade would be a better economic policy for the United States than a protective tariff. Alpha Zeta upheld the affirmative and Phi Delta the negative of the question.

Mr. Welsey Frost, beginning with calmness and deliberation, which he carried well into his argument, made the first speech for the affirmative. No violent change is advocated by his side. Free trade is the natural economic condition while Protection is unnatural. Protection diverts capital into unnatural and artificial channels and restricts free exchange. If one nation has Protection all must adopt it, thus alienating nations. Protection is un-American. Liberty of speech and thought and action are the foundations of our government. Why should there not be the same freedom in trade? Development of industries can be better accomplished by bounties and subsidies. We are two-thirds free trade already. Go the rest of the way. The argument was logical and clear throughout and bore the marks of skilful forensics.

Mr. J. R. Young then answered for the negative. His speech showed him thoroughly familiar with his subject. The argument was lucid and forcibly stated. Excessively rapid speaking made it difficult to follow the argument closely and had a tendency to weary the audience. Yet it was delivered with the confidence that comes only from the feeling of having a thorough grasp of the subject in hand. The question is not what is the best theory, but what policy best meets the demands of the people. Protection does meet the demands of the people best. Trusts are not the outgrowth of Protection, but of labor conditions. Free trade increases the power of the trusts. Protection by reserving the best markets gives profits to producers who in turn are able to pay higher wages to employees. In the production of goods Protection works for permanent cheapness while Free Trade only works for temporary cheapness.

Next followed Mr. H. M. Ernst with what was in many respects the best speech of the evening. While somewhat crude in delivery, he never failed to drive his argument straight home. The audience was made to feel that the speaker was uttering convictions. This won him the closest attention of the house.—High wages are the result of labor unions and the high standard of living demanded among American laborers. Under Protection the consumer pays the tariff. This is class legislation. Anything that restricts supply aids in the formation of trusts; Protection does restrict supply. It is true wages are nominally higher under protection, but Free Trade raises wages by reducing prices.

Mr. H. H. Clark, the second speaker for the negative, presented one of the strongest and most logical speeches given. The full force of which was, however, lost by a too rapid delivery which created the appearance of excessive unnaturalness.—Home competition is sufficient to keep prices down. The tendency of Free Trade is to specialization of industries. Protection diversifies industries. Capital is most widely distributed in times of security. Under Free Trade depression is universal by reason of the few

industries. Protection better develops internal industries by utilizing every natural product. This gives employment to the mass of citizens. Under Protection we have an assured market. Under Free Trade we must seek a market.

This speech was answered by Mr. Geo. Pow, of the affirmative.—Free Trade increases and Protection decreases the protection of national wealth. Whatever increases trade increases national wealth. Free Trade increases trade. We improve our rivers and harbors for trade, and then build up an artificial wall in the form of a Protective tariff. Protection does not accomplish its aim, which is to strengthen. Many of our industries have been protected for a hundred years, and are still weak. They seem to have discovered the fountain of perpetual youth. Mr. Pow delivered his argument in a telling way. His style was vigorous and vivacious and succeeded in winning for him the sympathy of the audience.

Mr. C. L. Phelps in closing the main argument for the negative presented a masterly and carefully prepared address which, had not hesitation and the need of prompting worked against him, would have ranked him among the best speakers of the evening.—Results are the test of a policy. The industries of Turkey, Ireland and India were ruined by the removal of protective duties. England placed no article upon the free list until she could produce it cheaper than any other nation. The periods of high protective tariff have been the periods of greatest prosperity in our own country. The fruits of Protection have always been prosperity, constant employment, and a high standard of living.

Mr. Young then closed the argument for the negative, and Mr. Ernst for the affirmative.

After music by the band, the chairman of the evening, Mr. T. J. Osborne, announced the decision of the judges, to be unanimously in favor of the affirmative. The judges were Prof. Arthur Yeager, Ph. D., Professor of History and Economics, of Georgetown College; Dr. Geo. A. Hubble, and Prof. L. V. Dodge, of Berea.

Some lack of calmness, deliberation and pleasing bearing, highly commendable in the orator, was evident. But whatever adverse criticism may be offered those six men showed that they know how to debate and, what is better, showed that we have in Berea debating material that can face the best in any institution of similar rank.

## SONS OF JOHN G. FEE PROTEST.

We desire to say to our fellow countrymen and citizens of the great commonwealth of Kentucky we learn with deep regret that there is before the Legislature of the State a bill aimed to prohibit the education of mankind together in any or all schools, whether private or public. We are appalled at the thought of the great wrong and injustice this may inflict upon a portion of the citizens within the State, and the cruel blow this will be to one of the greatest educational, civilizing, Christianizing institutions in all the South. We feel that we who were bred and reared, whose fathers and grandfathers were born and bred in this State, having a share in building up this Commonwealth, have a right to appeal to the present generation and beg of them not to be hasty in passing an act that

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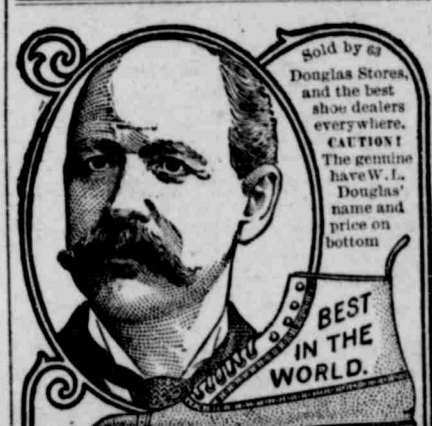
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